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March 12, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

"E" Zone of the Hosston Sand and Vaughn Sand, HICO-KNOWLES FIELD, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BRIGHTON ENERGY, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the "E" Zone of the Hosston Sand and to the Vaughn Sand in the Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the "E" Zone of the Hosston Sand, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS E SUT and HOSS E SUU.
- 2. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Vaughn Sand, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated VGN SU49.
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 4. To designate a unit operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.
- 5. To propose that all wells drilled in the future to the "E" Zone of the Hosston Sand or to the Vaughn Sand, within the units proposed herein, be located no

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closer than 660 feet to any unit line and no closer than 2,000 feet to any other well completed in, drilling to, or for which a permit has been granted to drill to the "E" Zone of the Hosston Sand or to the Vaughn Sand.

- 6. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 137-G, effective August 1, 1959, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 137-G series of Orders, to the proposed additional units for the "E" Zone of the Hosston Sand.
- 7. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 137, effective August 5, 1947, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 137 series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit for the Vaughn Sand.
 - 8. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The "E" Zone of the Hosston Sand in the Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 137-G, effective August 1, 1959.

The Vaughn Sand in the Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 137, effective August 5, 1947.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Jeff R. Thompson, 400 Travis Street, Suite 1800, Shreveport, Louisiana. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Thompson at (318) 424-0394 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated February 26, 2001, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2001. No request for the pre-application conference was received; therefore, no conference was held.

Attached hereto are plats outlining the additional units proposed by Applicant, which are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice. Also

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attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Hico-Knowles Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

David L. Smelley

Attorney for Brighton Energy, L.L.C.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Chris Girouard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jeff Thompson (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



